

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Cancelled) A polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition comprising poly(alkylene carbonates) wherein said composition is useful in manufacturing articles which may be manipulated and shaped by their user but regain their original shape after distortion.

2. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the article is a toy.

3. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the article is a utensil for the purpose of conveying solids or liquids to the mouth.

4. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the article is a soothing article.

5. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the article is an article which supports food.

6. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the poly(alkylene carbonate) has a glass transition temperature from about 15°C to about 132°C.

7. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the poly(alkylene carbonate) is poly(ethylene carbonate).

8. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the poly(alkylene carbonate) is poly(propylene carbonate).

9. (Cancelled) The polymeric thermoplastic moldable composition according to claim 1 wherein the poly(alkylene carbonate) is poly(butene carbonate).

10. (Cancelled) The toy according to claim 2 which is selected from the group consisting of solid or hollow balls, sphericals, footballs, baseballs, puzzles, blocks, saucers and disks intended for throwing, dolls and figurines.

11. (Cancelled) The utensil for the purpose of conveying solids or liquids to the mouth according to claim 3 wherein the utensil is selected from the group consisting of spoons, knives, forks, straws, cups and sipping cup lids.

12. (Cancelled) The article which supports food according to claim 5 wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of candy/confection sticks and holders, frozen novelty food sticks and holders.

13. (Cancelled) A poly(alkylene carbonate) for use in the manufacturing of articles which may be manipulated and shaped by their users but regain their original shape after distortion.

14. (Cancelled) The article according to claim 13 wherein said article is a toy.

15. (Cancelled) The article according to claim 13 wherein said article is a utensil for the purpose of conveying solids or liquids to the mouth.

16. (Cancelled) The article according to claim 13 where said article is an article which supports food.

17. (New) A molded article for use by a child capable of being manipulated and distorted from its original shape when placed in the mouth of a child and exposed to the child's saliva but capable of regaining its original shape after distortion wherein said molded article comprises a poly(alkylene carbonate) having a glass transition temperature from about 15°C to about 40°C wherein said poly(alkylene carbonate) comprises a blend of two or more poly(alkylene carbonates) wherein the poly(alkylene carbonates) are selected from the group consisting of poly(ethylene carbonates), poly(butene carbonate) and poly(propylene carbonates), and wherein said molded article is free from toxic plasticizers or softening aids.

18. (New) The molded article according to claim 17 wherein said molded article is selected from the group consisting of children's toys, soothing articles, feeding implements and articles which support food.

19. (New) The molded article according to claim 18 wherein the toys are selected from the group consisting of solid or hollow balls, sphericals, footballs, baseballs, puzzles, blocks, saucers and disks intended for throwing, dolls and figurines.

20. (New) The molded article according to claim 18 wherein the soothing articles are selected from teething rings and pacifiers.

21. (New) The molded article according to claim 18 wherein the feeding implements are selected from the group consisting of children's spoons, forks, knives, bottle nipples, straws, sipping cup lids and cups.

22. (New) The molded article according to claim 18 wherein the articles which support food are selected from candy and confection sticks and frozen novelty holders.